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And he knows these promises to be crushed. And the same thing had occurred with reference to the harvest, which showed that the people were well aware of the immense importance of the colony as a source of emigration. In this, the colony had exhibited a perfect trust with another community at the other side of the world; and if some evil minded persons had gloated over the approaching ruin of the pastoral and agricultural interests, which notwithstanding what had been said by the honorable and gallant member for Sydney he believed to be the fact (hear, hear), he was glad that those persons were few. In conclusion, he could say, in the name of the House, that he was glad that without any desire to come into collision with the Government, he would wish to see the Council bring the Government to a dead lock, by refusing the supplies, until those gentlemen gave up their views.

Dr. DOUGLASS had but a few words to address to the House after the heavy artillery and small shot with which they had been furnished. He regretted that he could not go the way of some of the speakers, and say that the gentleman in his hopes that the system he had proposed would be productive of the expected benefit. And his reason was simply this: In the state of the demand for labour in the United States, it was impossible that it could interfere with emigration to this colony. Except you could hold out to the labourer inducements, not only equal but greater than those offered by the United States, you could not expect that emigration must continue to be greatly against this country. In the United States every inducement was held out to emigrants; for not only was the expense of passage exceedingly small, but the labourer was enabled to get a man with a family was entitled to a certain quantity of land free—he believed 180 acres.

Mr. WENTWORTH: No such thing.

Dr. DOUGLASS: I beg your pardon, Sir, I do not mean to say that the United States, as they must hold out sufficient inducements to labourers to come here. For instance, a guarantee that after a certain period of faithful service they should be entitled to a good grant of land, or the purchase of land. As to the proposal to import labourers from all countries, he was of opinion that Germans were the only class of labourers who would be desirable. Perhaps some from Alsace or Prussia might be desirable, and he himself believed might be imported for about 150 per head. He did not doubt the House would consent at once to the appointment of the Committee, and he should cordially support the motion. He had much to say, and he wished to mention, and that was, that some enactment would be necessary to compel the immigrants introduced upon the plan of the hon. and learned gentleman, which he trusted would not escape the notice of the Committee.

Mr. HOLROYD was somewhat surprised to hear the honorable member for Northumberland assert that there was more attraction for labourers in America than in this colony. He said that he had seen in this colony already of red superior attractions to those of California itself, in the security for person and property which existed, and in the settled and peaceful condition of society. He said that he had seen in this colony, during its 45-day, and carries their 9s, he could not but think such a circumstance was in its if a sufficient attraction to the labouring class of emigrants. He hoped and trusted, however, that the Committee would not be hurried into a most thorough revision (hear, hear); and that the abuses which had crept in during the last years would be effectually removed. With respect to the indenting of labourers, he said that he was of opinion that there should not be limited to one year, but ought to run for two years, so that the whole of the labourer's wages should not be taken from him at once. He trusted that when the Committee should be constituted, they would not forget the difficulties attending female emigration, the House must be well aware of the difficulty of forcing female servants to keep their contracts. He said that he was of opinion that it was necessary to sketch out some plan whereby the present lax system would be put on an end, to prevent these ladies came out as female orphans; others were known by the interesting name of "distressed widows" (laughter). When he last visited the town he had the honour to represent (Bathurst), he was asked to make some arrangements for a single female emigrant, and in applying at the Emigration Office, he found that her affidavit that these interesting ladies were actually allowed to have their choice as to the locality in which they should be stationed—was not true. He said that he was of opinion that there should not be limited to one year, but ought to run for two years, so that the whole of the labourer's wages should not be taken from him at once. He trusted that when the Committee should be constituted, they would not forget the difficulties attending female emigration, the House must be well aware of the difficulty of forcing female servants to keep their contracts. He said that he was of opinion that it was necessary to sketch out some plan whereby the present lax system would be put on an end, to prevent these ladies came out as female orphans; others were known by the interesting name of "distressed widows" (laughter). When he last visited the town he had the honour to represent (Bathurst), he was asked to make some arrangements for a single female emigrant, and in applying at the Emigration Office, he found that her affidavit that these interesting ladies were actually allowed to have their choice as to the locality in which they should be stationed—was not true.

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